It is Sunday the 21st December 2008 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY news bringing you - cast 1525
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1525 for 21st December 2008
This is the last ANARTS News bulletin for 2008. News bulletins will resume on 11th January 2009.
My thanks to Bruce VK2RT for maintaining the website and posting these news bulletins on it every week.
To all, ANARTS wishes you a very merry Christmas and a safe (and hopefully prosperous) New Year.

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 12th to 18th December, issued on 19th December by the IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10cm flux	71	70	69	69	69	69	68
AFr index	2	1	1	1	4	3	(1 estimated)
Aaus index	5	4	2	5	7	12	(4 estimated)
T index	-32	-18	-22	-36	-44	-29	-36

Solar flare activity was very low all week.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was quiet to active on 17th; otherwise quiet during the period.
Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were near predicted on 12th; mostly near predicted on 13th; near predicted to 20 per cent depressed on 14th; depressed 15 to 20 per cent on 15th; depressed 20 per cent on 16th; near predicted to 25 per cent depressed on 17th; and depressed 20 to 15 per cent on 18th.
Forecast for 19th to 25th December
Very low solar activity is expected. There are no current active regions on disc and no returning regions.
Geomagnetic activity should see quiet to unsettled conditions. No recurrent coronal hole activity is expected.
Frequencies could see depressions of 10 to 30 per cent across all regions expected for the forecast period.
courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services
summary by Pat Leeper VK2JPA

RTDX1218 RTTY DX
VK2SG RTTY DX Notes for the week ending 18th December.
This week our information came from UT5RP, DJ3IW, GU0SUP, I5FLN, NG3K, and DX Summit.
Thank you all!
Friday 12
0831-14085 JT1DN
0927-14086 A61CK
1144-14083 UN9PQ
1232-14082 NP2KW
1320-14085 FM5AA
1355-14079 SV9COL
1652-14082 6W2SC via HA3AUI
1705-14081 TR8CA
1729-14087 ST2EB
1934-10137 ZS2EZ
Saturday 13
0356-28088 E51KAJ via JA1KAJ
0406-21084 E51KAJ
0802-14089 E51KAJ

0813-14085 JY4NE
0851-18101 XU7XRO
0937-24926 ZS2EZ
1230-14084 SU1KM
1247-14086 J28KO
1356-14089 6W2SC
1516-21082 6W2SC
1529-14083 FM5AA
1549-18105 V55SRT
1926-10143 6W2SC
2326-18104 CX4AAJ
Sunday 14
0122-14086 XU7XRO
0236-21088 E51KAJ
0704-14085 UK8AKK
0748-14091 6W2SC
0832-14086 TR8CA
0845-18104 E20WXA
0913-14079 JY4NE
0958-14092 XU7XRO
1004- 7041 E51KAJ
1029-14082 SU1KM
1052-21079 JY4ANE
1100-14084 YI1RAZ
1108-14084 E20WXA
1118-18102 J69DS
1153-14082 YI1RAZ
1253-14090 SV9CVY
1411-10143 T77NM
1436-14080 JY4NE
1449-14082 J28KO
1519-14081 TR8CA
Monday 15
0058- 7035 T77NM
0838-14080 JY4NE
1303-14081 E20WXA
1340-14086 HZ1PS
1404-14086 FM5AA
1458-14080 SV9COL
Tuesday 16
1050-18105 E20WXA
1205- 7035 UN1L
1226-14084 E20WXA
1227-14088 PJ2MI
1355-14082 EP3SMH
1413-14086 JY4NE
1500-14082 HZ1PS
1535-14092 J5UAP
1604-14082 V55SRT
2013-10137 ZS2EZ
2127-10143 EA8/DL3KVR
Wednesday 17
0022-14080 CE1TT
1256-14082 A71EM/NDQ
1448-14079 JY4NE
1732-14081 ET3SID
2243- 7041 SV9OFS
Thursday 18
0243- 7039 TA2EY
0710-14083 4Z4TL
0833-14081 JT1DN
1018-18104 E20WXA
1123- 7040 UN7PBY

1408-14088 A71EM/NDQ
1414-14092 SV9CVY
1625-10143 TF3FPP
2154-14081 KH6MB via AI4U
2226- 7041 J28KO
Notes of Interest:
This weekend is the OK RTTY DX Contest, December 20, 2008 0000-2400. Rules at:
http://www.crk.cz/ENG/DXCONTE.HTM
The VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES are distributed every week via the Winlink network, and are also available on the Internet at URL
http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/vk2sg-rtty.
For next week's bulletin, send your bandpass and notes of interest to Phil, GU0SUP, at e-mail: pcooper@guernsey.net
73, Don AA5AU
http://www.aa5au.com
http://www.rttycontesting.com

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 888 - excerpts
2008 WINNERS 5TH SRE
The 2008 winners of 5th Strange Radio Event were announced this past week. They are:
IK8WSQ - 1st European (SSB)
WK3N - 1st Station Outside Europe (CW/SSB)
IU8SRE (Operator IK8WEJ) - 1st S.R.T. Special Callsign (SSB)
IU3SRT (Operator IZ3DBA) - 1st S.R.T. Special Callsign (CW)
I1 GE 0844 - 1st SWL
Award plaques will be presented during the 6th International DX Convention in Paestum, Italy. Congrats to the winners!
2009 CQ DX MARATHON
The fourth running of the CQ DX Marathon begins at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2009, and runs through 2359 UTC on December 31, 2009. The goal, as always, is to work as many countries and CQ zones as possible at least once during the calendar year. The only change from the 2008 rules is that the prohibition on assistance, such as lists and passes, for the Unlimited Class is deleted (the limitation remains in effect for the Formula Class). Once again they will use a downloadable Microsoft Excel template which may be filled in and e-mailed to a special address as your log entry. For complete details, please visit the following Web page at:
http://cq-amateur-radio.com/DX%20Marathon%20Rules%20Dec08.pdf
2009 MEXICO RTTY INTERNATIONAL CONTEST
The Federacion Mexicana de Radioexperimentadores (FMRE) would like to invite everyone to participate in the 2009 Mexico RTTY International Contest, February 7-8th, 2009. Please take note that the new contest manager for this event is Dani, XE3RR, xe3rr@prodigy.net.mx and logs should be sent to him as the rules now indicate. Details/Rules of the contest are available at:
http://www.fmre.org.mx/concursos/2009/rtty/rules-rtty-2009-eng.pdf
3 STEVE'S TO BE ACTIVE AGAIN!
Yes, it is that time again. The 3 Steve's (Steve/KF2TI, Steve/N2IFA, Steve/KB2ENF and Kurt/W2MW [aka Steve]), along with "those two laughing young men", Andrew/N2IFB and Eric/K2EMZ, will be guest operating at the ARRL station, W1AW, Tuesday, December 30th, from 1700-2045z. This is their 16th annual WAS (Worked All Steve's) DXpedition to Newington, and they will be operating on the following bands:
30m CW - Kurt/W2MW [aka Steve]
40/20/15m SSB - Steve/KF2TI, Steve/N2IFA and Steve/KB2ENF
17/10m (possibly 80m) - Andrew/N2IFB and Eric-K2EMZ will also be operating as "Steves"
They hope conditions will improve and will try to listen for outside the U.S.; packet spots will be posted. If you work any 3 operators, they will send you a beautiful, full color WAS (Worked All Steve's) certificate (suitable for framing). No QSL is needed as they will have copies of the log and send out a certificate to all those who qualify. QSL cards to them are not necessary for the WAS. If you want a W1AW QSL card, please send to them direct or via the

bureau. The logs will be posted (hopefully) after January 1st on their Web site at:
http://the3stevesarc.org
14th CCF/OHDXF CONTEST/DX MEETING
The 14th International Contest/DX Meeting will take place on January 16-18th (2009). Join their traditional round-trip cruise on the Baltic Sea crossing 3 DXCC countries: From Helsinki (OH) via Aland Islands (OH0) to Stockholm (SM), and back to Helsinki. On their preliminary agenda:
* New DXCC Countries by Dutch Caribbean 2009 - Hans, PB2T, President of IARU R1 and President of EUDXF
* Azores, CU2X & CU2CE and CU2DX (Winning Formula) - Martti, OH2BH and Toni, OH2UA
* Arcala Extremes extreme antenna - 3 element Yagi for 160m; Juha, OH8NC
* SAC Contest forum - change or not to change; Jouko, OH1RX, Panel and discussions
* CW and SSB pileup contests
* ......etc
For the latest updates of agenda, please check:
http://www.ohdxf.fi
Kari, OH2XX, "It's time to act! Our special prices for the 'coolest' Contest & DX meeting in 2009 are still valid for one more week! Please book your trip Now!" Information packages are available at:
http://www.ohdxf.fi/ohdxf/content.php?content.17
ASIAN TRIP
Frank, I2DMI, announces on (QRZ.com) that he will be visiting Thimphu, Bhutan, between December 22-31st and Nepal between December 31st and January 5th. He states that he has received his callsign for Bhutan and will be signing A52RY but will only be active during his spare time. Activity will only be RTTY. He thinks his operating periods will likely be in the ranges of 0100-0300z and 1200-1900z. Suggested target frequencies will be 3582, 7040, 10142, 14082, 18102, 21082, 24922 and 28082 kHz, listening up 2 or spread 2-10 kHz depending on the pileup. He will concentrate his activity on the opened bands. His activity from Nepal will be the same. However, he will get his callsign after his arrival (possibly 9N7RY or 9N7DMI which one available). QSOs will be put on LoTW and e-QSL the second week of January. Bureau cards will go out the fourth week of March. You can QSL direct to I2DMI: P.O. Box 55 - 22063 CANTU, Italy. Include a self addressed envelope (SAE) and sufficient return postage. Please QSL only to his P.O. Box # 55 - 22063 Cantu (not his home address).
CHU TO QSY JANUARY 1ST
The CQ Newsroom reports: "Canadian time/frequency standard station CHU -- a fixture for decades on 7335 kHz -- will change frequency to 7850 kHz at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2009. The move comes as a result of the International Telecommunication Union's decision in 2007 to expand the 40-meter ham band in Europe and Africa (Region I) to 7000-7200 kHz. It was previously 7000-7100 kHz, with -- as every 40-meter DXer knows -- international broadcasting allocated from 7100-7300 kHz.
As part of the 40-meter expansion, the international broadcast band was shifted to 7200-7350 kHz. As broadcasters began relocating, CHU on 7335 began experiencing significant interference. Thus, officials at Canada's National Research Council which operates CHU, decided to move the time/frequency standard station's transmissions to 7850 kHz as of the beginning of 2009. The complete NRC announcement (English version) is online at:
http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/common_files/stories/chu/communique_e.pdf
FH, MAYOTTE
Operators Phil/G3SWH and Richard/G3RWL (Dick on CW) will be active from here between February 26th and March 5th (2009). Mayotte counts as AF-027 for IOTA purposes. The 2003 "Most Wanted" survey by the 425 DX News shows Mayotte ranks 121 for DXCC purposes. Both operators will use the single callsign of FH/G3SWH. Their activity will be mainly on CW on all bands 80-10 meters. Subject to QRN and site conditions, there may be some 160 meters CW activity. Richard may also operate some RTTY and/or PSK31. Propagation permitting, they plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. Their main objective is to work as many European, North American and ROTW stations on as

many bands as possible. QSL via G3SWH, either direct with SAE and adequate return postage (recommended), or via Phil's Web site for a bureau reply or by the bureau. For updates and more information, please visit the following Web page at:
http://www.g3swh.org.uk/mayotte.html
FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA ISLANDS
Eli, HA9RE, and a team of operators will be active from Wallis Island as FW0RE. The group is expected to arrive on the island January 26th. Eli states, "Provided all our baggage arrives in due time then we can begin the operation on January 28-29th." They are expected to be there for about a month. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including 30/17/12 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Two stations will be on the air. Antennas to be used are: a 24m vertical on 160/80/40m, Spiderbeam for 20/17/15/10m, HB9CV for 20-15m and a 7-band Butternut. Eli and his team are now looking for sponsorship. To help, contact Eli via E-mail at: ha9re@freemail.hu A Web site dedicated to the FW operation will be set up on HA9RE's own Web pages after the expedition has taken place.
HB, SWITZERLAND (6m News)
The Swiss authorities will allocate the 50 MHz band to amateur radio on a secondary basis on January 1, 2009. All Swiss and foreign CEPT class licensees may transmit with 100 watts PEP on 50-52 MHz without any antenna restrictions. Primary users may not be disturbed which includes the Ticino since there are still some TV stations active on the VHF band I in Northern Italy.
HE8, SWITZERLAND (Special Event/AAW)
Walter, HB9BHY, has announced that he will participate in the 6th Antarctic Activity Week (AAW, February 16-22nd [2009]). He will use the callsign HE8ICE (reference number WAP-81). QSL via HB9BHY. PLEASE NOTE: The HE8 prefix is special and was issued to celebrate the 80th anniversary of USKA (see OPDX.887), so HE8ICE will be used for the 2009 AAW instead of the old previous callsign HB9ICE. Also, a full list of callsigns already booked for the 6th AAW is available at the WAP Web site at:
http://www.waponline.it/Default.aspx?tabid=113
HF0, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS
Janusz, SP9YI, has been very active using the new callsign HF0APAS from the Polish Henryk Arctowski Station on King George Island (AN-010, WLOTA LH-0312). Watch around 14195 kHz between 2130-0200z. QSL via SP9YI.
IOTA NEWS
NA-057. Paolo, IK2QPR, will be active as HR9/IK2QPR from Roatan Island between January 4-12th. QSL via IK2QPR.
SA-030. A large group of "Radio Grupo Sur" members will be on the air from Flores Island (ARLHS URU-001, TWLHD WLH CX-001, WLOTA LH-0528, Admiralty G 0690, WW Loc. GF25AB), Uruguay, using the CV5A callsign between January 22-26th. The team will use monoband beam antennas for all bands. They will work all modes and there will be a dedicated RTTY/PSK31 station. QSL via CX2ABC. Visit the club's Web page at:
http://www.radiogruposur.com
KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (NA-106)
Masumi, JA3AVO, will be active as KP2/JA3AVO between January 17-22nd (2009). Activity will be holiday style. QSL via his home callsign.
SILENT KEY
Alexander, RA4HT, informs OPDX that Joseph Raihstein, RD4HF (ex-4K6GF, UD6GF, UD6DLJ, 4K500GF, 4K70GF and 4KA6GF) became a Silent Key (SK) on December 7th. In recent years he was seriously ill, but every day if he was not in the hospital, his voice could be heard on the bands. Until recently, RD4HF participated in a round table of Russian Emergency Network (RAS). All his life was associated with amateur radio. Most of his life of Joseph - "Semen-Semenych" as he was affectionately called by his Baku friends, lived in Azerbaijan, where he became known as radiosportsmenom, deserved coach of Azerbaijan, a judge of the All-Union category, Honorary Radio USSR. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of RD4HF.
T32, EAST KIRIBATI
Toshi, JA8BMK, has gone QRT as T31DX from Central Kiribati last week and is now headed back to Christmas Island. He should be there around by the end of the week. Look for him to be active as T32YY again for possibly 7 days. QSL direct

to JA8BMK.

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.
73â€™s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer.